“I Killed You”
Artist statement: Colored Pencil Drawing

I was inspired by the song “I Killed You”, which talks about the struggles of Black people accepting their natural hair. I wanted to embrace this concept & show the beauty of natural and protective hairstyles.

These works were selected anonymously by my peers on the Burn literary magazine staff for inclusion in our Spring 2025 edition of the magazine. The page designers placed a transparent/muted version in the background and the full illustration again in the lower right corner of the page. The poem at the top shows a great connection to the illustration. It was written by a friend of mine. The full spread is pictured below. This literary/art magazine was recognized nationally at the JEA/NSPA Fall Convention in Nashville. It was an honor to have my art selected for the showcase.

Thank you for considering this artistic illustration for NSAA State Journalism.

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